Discipline Needed

He Distrusts 'Do-Gooders'

OTTAWA (CP)—A member of the former Liberal government that introduced family allowances in Canada said Wednesday he has grave doubts that they "have improved the social structure of this country."

Manitoba Senator Thomas A. Crerar told the upper house that after spending $3,500,000,000 on allowances "we find today that juvenile deliquency in this country is at a higher level than it has ever been."

"I sometimes think I have lingered on the stage too long," Sen. Crerar said. "But I cannot grow enthusiastic over these ardent desires by sob-sisters, do-gooders and uplifters to benefit humanity in all its aspects.

"I distrust them. It is not a good or a wise thing to make conditions too easy for the young men and women starting out in life. There are such things as discipline, which we had in the early years, which are of incalculable benefit to people in their later years."

Drug Approved For Diabetes

NEW YORK (AP)—A new oral drug for treatment of diabetes will reach the market this month.

President H. B. Burns of the U.S. Vitamin and Pharmaceutical Corporation said the product, called DBI, had been approved by the federal food and drug administration.

Half-Hour TV Class Too Long, Say Kids

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Maybe 10-year-old youngsters like those commercials in the middle.

Fifth-grade pupils were asked to write their comments on a daily 30-minute educational television program. The kids loved the TV, but they had this complaint: "Thirty minutes is too long to sit still."

A school official said the programs may be cut to 15 minutes next year.

SUPERINTENDENT GOUGH

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TV Teaching Makes Debut In Local Schools in 1960

Teaching by closed circuit television will make its debut next year in some Greater Victoria schools.

Announcement was made yesterday by John Gough, district schools superintendent, who said the system would help alleviate the teacher shortage but was not intended to replace teachers.

"It has been found,' he said, "that achievement by classes exposed to television has been noticeably better than achievement by classes taught in the regular manner.

"Members of the general public have expressed concern about the progress made in Russian education," said Mr. Gough, "We believe that television could be one of the most effective teaching tools in a scientific age.

"And yet it need not be regarded as an 'unnecessary expense.'"

Television teaching will give local schools an opportunity to make the best possible use of teaching personnel, the superintendent said.

EXPERT LESSONS

Mr. Gough said that in the light of the teacher shortage, expert lessons have been prepared by experienced and capable teachers to supplement regular classroom instruction, and uniformly good teaching in the various subjects was guaranteed by well-prepared lessons.

However, "it is not planned that television lessons should occupy the major part of the school day," he said.

SOLVE PROBLEM

"Follow-up instruction by the classroom teacher would solve the problem of individual differences among pupils."

The superintendent noted that Denis W. Brown, in charge of curriculum and special services, has reported to the board on a recent survey he made of television in North American schools.

EXPERIMENTS

Experiments in "live" telecasts are now being conducted by the Edmonton school system, in Scarborough Ont., and other Canadian centres have also experimented in the field.

Higher the Grade, Less Exercise

Physical Education Time Too Short for Fitness?

This is the final article in a series written by Greater Victoria School District administrators to focus attention on our schools during Canadian Education Week.

By GEORGE GRANT
Supervisor of Physical Education

Can the physical education program of our schools keep children physically fit? Most teachers say "no," in view of the very few periods prescribed for this subject.

Elementary school classes get from 80-100 minutes per week. In Grades 9 to 12, only two periods a week are devoted to physical education. Grade 7 and 8 in the junior high get 3 periods per week.

Everyone knows that exercise, to be of most value, must be performed regularly, preferably daily. Despite the lack of time for daily physical education, local teachers give a well-balanced range of activities. In the elementary grades, pupils do calisthenics, agilities, tumbling, rhythmics, relays, swimming, group games and finally team game skills.

The emphasis on fitness is strong in junior and senior high schools where formal exercises, combatives, rope climbing, gymnastics and apparatus work, added to team and group games, make up a vigorous program. Wrestling, medicine ball heaving, cross-country running, weight-lifting and tug-of-war are examples of other rigorous activities found in some of our schools.

The learning of team games from Grade 4 on serves a double purpose: first, it gives every child the opportunity to experience all the well-known advantages of playing on a team and, secondly, it gives boys and girls a chance to get more activity than just the two or three periods prescribed by the curriculum; and much of this is a rugged type of activity.

Makes Anyone a Bootlegger

Law 'Open to Abuse'

VANCOUVER (CP) — A crown appeal was dismissed Wednesday in county court by Judge R. A Sargent, who found that a provincial statute "is open to abuse."

The case involved J. D. V. Bennett of Vancouver, charged with having liquor illegally in a cafe last Dec. 7. He was arrested with an unopened bottle of beer in his pocket.

The charge was dismissed a month later in police court.

"A person who is not suspected of bootlegging should not have to run the risk of being hailed into court in this way," said Judge Sargent. The provincial statute was an absolute prohibition against a person having liquor in a cafe under the circumstances of Bennett's case.

"It is true that the act is very wide, but this situation is open to abuse. A man and his wife could be shopping, buy some liquor and then go into a cafe for a cup of coffee and they would be liable under the act to a minimum fine of $50.

"This section is a hold-over from the period of transition from prohibition to liquor control, and was designed to discourage bootlegging.

But I think a person not suspected of bootlegging should not run this risk."

The crown's appeal in a similar case involving a Nanaimo man, against whom charges were dismissed, had been awaiting the decision in the Vancouver case.

FAST DIGGER

The badger, with its powerful forelegs and claws, can dig a hole in sandy soil faster than a man with a shovel.

Daughter's 'St.' Is a Street

MANILA (UPI) — Bishop Mariano Madriaga rebuked a mother for naming her daughter Oroquieta instead of choosing a name from the Roman Catholic calendar of Saints. "But we did," the mother protested. "On the calendar it said, 'printed by Catholic trade school, Oroquieta St., Manila.'"

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